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MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel White

SUBJECT : Release of Information to USIA

1. Mr. Amory called to say that USIA had requested intelligence support to improve its operations and that the dissemination to USIA had been held up by action of the Security Office. Mr. Amory said he felt that USIA had merely been separated from State for practical reasons and could be considered on a par with State for dissemination. I pointed out that even State was not considered as one unit in this respect and while I did not know what the immediate problem was that the Security Office had a responsibility in any such dissemination.

2. Mr. Amory pointed out that he released intelligence estimates to a top official of FGA on a need-to-know basis when he found out that Mr. Stassen got his information through the NSC, but that this official had no regular liaison channel to this Agency. Mr. Amory said he felt that the Security Office must know that such things went on in Government. I said they did know but were not happy about it. Mr. Amory said that perhaps NSC action would be required in regard to dissemination to USIA. I said I felt not unless some very new problem had arisen, and we agreed it would be better to handle it administratively.

3. [REDACTED] said he was not familiar with the problem but would look into it immediately and report back.

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cc: Deputy Director of Security

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